

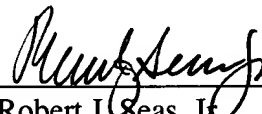
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Application No. To be assigned

Attorney Docket No. Q65210

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made in order to remove multiple dependencies and avoid the Government surcharge. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

9. (Amended) A novel copolymer according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein said novel copolymer has a weight average molecular weight (Mw) in terms of polystyrene of from 7000 to 30000 and a molecular-weight distribution (Mw/Mn, where Mn is a number average molecular weight) of equal to or less than 3.5.